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The Honorable Marris Ellsworth Specutive Secretary of the President's Distinguished Civilien Service Awards Board U. S. Civil Service Commission

Dear Mr. Ellsworth:

Is response to Secretary Mitchell's invitation to smimit necipations for the Freeldont's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service, I should like to record with the board the man of infortunately I comput ask the beard to act in this case because I as not free to disclose details concerning the operation referred to below. It is my belief, however, that it is in keeping with the spirit and intent of importive Order 10-717 that great service to national security be made known to the board at this time.

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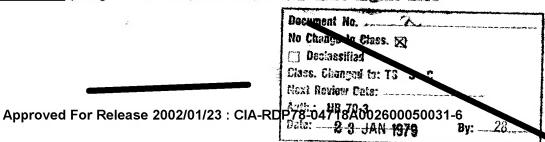
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joined this Agency in Movember 1952 to become a number of the Board of Mational Satinates. In February 1954, recognizing that he had removed in his thinking and interest beyond the scope of the Board's responsibilities and that he had developed a deep insight into the problems of intalligence promrement and analysis, I asked him to devote full attention to those matters. He left the board at that time and became a special assistant reporting directly to me.

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In this position conceived, developed, and carried out a most important and productive intelligence operation. The nature, ecope, and technical complexity of this operation cannot be given here. It involved, on Mr. part, the identification of our most organt need

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in the field of national intelligence, the creation of a during and brilliant plan to meet the need, the development of the technical mesos to support the plan, and the establishment of an efficient organization made up of military and civilian personnel to carry it out. The scientists and cagineers who worked with him are nationally known and their work was of critical importance. Yet in the determination of all of its parts and the welding together of the whole operation, make the decisions. The operation was his creation in the sense that very few large enterprises are ever erested by one men.

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contribution to national security is of such magnitude as to warrant his consideration under the first of the criteria established by the Assertive Order.

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is not a coreer civil servent. However, he has apent many years wanking in important capacities in the Pederal service. A review of his service would, I believe, support the view that be qualifies for consideration for the President's Americander the second of the criteria established by the Executive Order.

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It is my hope that at some future date we will be able to review with you the nature of work and that it will then be possible to accord the recognition which he so richly deserves.

Sincerely,

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